

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

**Special Meeting of the House of Delegates.**—The following is the official call for a special meeting of the House of Delegates:

OFFICIAL CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

To Officers, Delegates, and Members of the California Medical Association, Greetings:

The Council of the California Medical Association hereby issues and gives official notice of a call for a special meeting of the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association, in the following resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting on January 19, 1935:

WHEREAS, Pending and proposed Federal and State legislation related to medical care and medical services makes it imperative for the California Medical Association to formulate principles and policies that will declare its position in regard to such legislation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Council of the California Medical Association, under provisions stated in Article IX, Section 5, of the Constitution, direct the Association Secretary to issue a call for a special meeting of the House of Delegates to convene at 1 p. m. on the second day of March, 1935, in the city of Los Angeles at the Los Angeles County Medical Association building, 1925 Wilshire Boulevard; and be it

*Resolved*, That the object of such special meeting shall be:

(a) To receive and consider the report of the Committee of Five and to take such action thereon and to formulate such principles and policies in regard to health insurance, medical services and medical care as the judgment and wisdom of the delegates may determine to be for the best interests of the public and the members of the Association.

(b) To transact such other business of the Association as may be transmitted to the House of Delegates by the Council of the Association; and be it

*Resolved*, That the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Credentials Committee.
3. Roll Call of Delegates.
4. Reading of the Call.
5. Report of the Committee of Five.
6. Resolutions.
7. Council Communications.
8. Report of Reference Committee.
9. Adjournment.

(Signed) T. HENSHAW KELLY, *Chairman*.  
E. M. PALLETTE, *Speaker*.  
C. G. TOLAND, *President*.

Attest: Issued January 29, 1935.

San Francisco, California.

F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary*.

This call and instructions pertaining to credentials and selection of delegates have been sent to every delegate elected for the 1934 meeting of the House of Delegates and to every county secretary. To be seated, delegates must secure credentials from their county secretary and present their credentials to the Credentials Committee on February 16, 1935.

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**To the Members of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.**—In compliance with the official request of the Board of Trustees that the House of Delegates be convened in special session, I as Speaker, under authority of Chapter III, Section 2, of the By-Laws, hereby officially call the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association to convene in special session in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, at 10 a. m., central standard time, on the fifteenth day of February, 1935.

The business to be transacted at this special session shall be limited to the consideration of the social and economic policies of the Association as related to pending and proposed legislation, to sickness insurance and to other matters which may be submitted by the Board of Trustees.

The House shall remain in session, recessing from day to day, until its deliberations are concluded.

Signed and issued in San Francisco, California, January 21, 1935.

FREDERICK C. WARNSHUIS, M. D.,  
*Speaker, House of Delegates,*  
*American Medical Association.*

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**Make Annual Session Reservations Now.**—There is every indication that there will be a splendid attendance when the California Medical Association meets in Yosemite Valley, May 13 to 16. Already there is a waiting list for reservations at the Ahwahnee, which will be the convention headquarters. Reservations being confirmed currently are being made at Camp Curry and at Yosemite Lodge.

Since accommodations at the Ahwahnee could take care of only two hundred persons, it was understood that the larger number of delegates and wives would stop at Camp Curry, where some of the meetings, including the general sessions, will be held, and at Yosemite Lodge. Camp Curry is a ten-minute walk or about a three-quarter-mile drive from the Ahwahnee, and Yosemite Lodge is about one mile west. Both places have comfortable accommodations with bath. Camp Curry has detached, two-bedroom bungalows with either tub or shower baths; redwood cabins and tent-cabins without bath. The bath cabins at Yosemite Lodge are comparable to the Camp Curry accommodations. All bath cabins are heated electrically. Write for your reservations today.

### MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

**Council.**—The regular January meeting of the Council was held in San Francisco on January 19. In addition to routine business, special consideration was given to the report of the Committee of Five, legislative proposals and a special meeting of the House of Delegates. On January 20 a special committee of the Council conferred with the Senate's Interim Com-

mittee in Sacramento. The Executive Committee of the Council, the trustees of the Association, the Committee on Public Relations, convened in the Association's offices on January 18. Official minutes of these meetings will appear in the March issue. This issue contains the minutes of the December Council meeting. The Council will hold a special meeting in Los Angeles at 10 a. m. on March 2, 1935, before the special meeting of the House of Delegates.

The Association's Special Committee on Practice of Radiology and Pathology in Hospitals met with a committee representing the California hospitals of the Western Hospital Association on January 17. Another meeting will be held February 2, when it is anticipated that an agreement will be reached upon regulations governing these hospital departments.

*Council Meetings.*—The Council met on December 22 and 23 and January 19 and 20. See minutes in last month's and this month's issue.

*Scientific Program Committee.*—The Scientific Program Committee met on January 27 and adopted a program for the annual session, May 13 to 16.

*County Meetings.*—The Secretary attended the following county meetings: Sacramento and Alameda counties, and, on January 16 addressed the San Francisco Y. W. C. A.

*SERA State Plan for Medical Care.*—As this issue goes to press there is an impasse because of the vacancy in the office of State Administrator. There is no one in authority to approve the proposed state-wide plan of medical care. An appeal has again been made to Washington. Your Association's Advisory Committee is persistently pursuing its insistence that a State plan for providing medical care must be inaugurated.

*Eastern Meetings.*—The annual conference of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and State Licensing Boards will be held under the auspices of the American Medical Association in the Palmer House, Chicago, on February 18 and 19. The American Medical Association trustees meet on February 20 and 21.

*Federal Health Program.*—On January 7, United States Senator Black introduced the following resolution that apparently indicates that the Federal Government is without sufficient information upon which to draft a health insurance law: *S. R. 28*:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Education and Labor of the Senate is hereby directed and instructed either acting through the full committee or through a duly appointed subcommittee, as soon as practicable, to make full and complete investigation in order to determine the best and most effective kind of federal legislation to provide a system of health insurance throughout the entire United States and to report to the Senate as early as practicable the recommendations outlining the kind of legislation it is believed will most effectively accomplish this purpose."

*Advertisers.*—The Coöperative Medical Advertising Bureau of Chicago urges, in a letter dated January 9, that county secretaries request their members to answer and patronize State JOURNAL advertisers. Such coöperation is solicited. Unless advertisers receive reasonable returns upon their copy their contracts for space will be discontinued and the JOURNAL will suffer from loss of income. The Council appeals to all members to respond by contacting our advertisers.

*Legislation.*—Legislative developments will be transmitted as they arise to county officers. These communications should be accorded prompt attention and action.

*Special Meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.*—On January 21 a call was issued for a special meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in Chicago on February 15 and 16, the purpose being to consider pending and proposed federal and state health insurance legislation.

California will be represented by its seven delegates. It is hoped that the deliberations and the actions recorded at this special meeting will be of helpful value in solving related problems in California.

## STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

### EDUCATION IN YOUR RECEPTION ROOM

An awakening on the part of physicians as to their responsibility for educating the public in regard to the truths of scientific medicine, its resources for the prolongation of life and the prevention of disease is being perceived. This responsibility lies with every physician. There is need for wider dissemination of this knowledge and for more physicians to assume the rôle of teachers.

Your reception room can and will serve as a medium and you can make it an effective factor in the education of the public. It will require only a little thought and time on the part of physicians. A few suggestions and thoughts are advanced by way of illustration.

*Pictures.*—Adorn some of your reception-room walls with pictures of Pasteur, Lister, Osler, Welsh, Banting, and other recognized investigators. Then on a card type a short biographical sketch of each man and state his outstanding discovery and what that has meant to modern medicine and public health.

*Magazines.*—Place upon the reading table approved magazines and articles that impart medical truths and medical information. The following are a few suggestions: *Hygeia*, bulletins on diphtheria, cancer, quackery, propaganda for reform, public health bulletins, etc. If you will write in, a list of suitable literature printed by the American Medical Association will be sent you.

*Membership Certificate.*—Display your certificate of membership attesting to your affiliation with your county and state medical organizations (new this year). In doing so you impart the existence of your county medical society and reflect your professional standing.

Use your reception room to educate the public. It can be made a powerful factor, a convincing factor and teacher in health education.

### IVY EXHIBIT

Members are requested to urge their senators and assemblymen to visit the Ivy Exhibit on Animals' Contribution to Human Health on exhibition in Sacramento. This exhibit, as Editor Kress has commented in previous issues, visualizes impressively that which has been contributed toward health conservation and disease prevention by scientific research and study. Seeing this exhibit should convince legislators and others that laws should not be enacted to hinder or prevent continuation of such scientific investigations.

### NO SUCH THING AS STANDING STILL

"Physicians can be divided into two great groups: there are those that are learning and those that are forgetting, those that each year know more and those that each year know less. There seems to be no third group, those that are stationary.

"A few physicians increase in knowledge from within and grow from their own doing. These are the innate

investigators. The rank and file require outside help to grow and to progress. Books, meetings, contacts, discussions, teachers, are our armamentarium of progress. Like the 'spring tonic' of past days, all of us need some of this medicine, at least annually, better if it comes more frequently. A large majority of physicians know their need and seek treatment. Postgraduate instruction is a potent prescription to this end" (*Journal of the American Medical Association*).

The foregoing is one of the thoughts and objectives underlying the program now being supervised by the Association to provide postgraduate opportunities for its members. Plans are being developed for the expansion and extension of this program. The end sought is to make these opportunities available to all members in convenient centers in the State. Will you cooperate?

#### HEROES FOR SCIENCE

Medical history records numerous instances where physicians in the interest of science have undergone physical risks and suffering, and even met death, in research investigations and studies. Would that the public might be truly informed as to these heroes for science.

These reflections were kindled anew after reading in the December, 1934, *Archives of Internal Medicine* the personal and physical reactions of A. W. Blair, M. D., of University, Alabama, who deliberately arranged to be bitten by a female spider *Lactrodectus mactans*.

The following are a few extracts of his personal observations and those of his associates:

At 10:45 a. m. he sustained the bite.

11:18 a. m. Pain extending up arm and chest.

11:55 a. m. Definite epigastric pains.

12:00 noon. Fall in blood pressure and weak pulse.

12:45 p. m. Agonizing pain in abdomen, back and legs. Taken to the hospital.

1:00 p. m. In profound shock, pulse uncountable.

1:15 p. m. In excruciating pain. Pulse 150; labored respirations.

November 13—An evening and night of extreme suffering in spite of morphin, face swollen, eyes red and watery, albumen in urine.

4 p. m. Pain, flushed, swollen face, tongue coated, fetid breath, nauseated, tense abdomen.

November 14—Restless night—rheumatoid pains in leg, sweating, and weakness, abdomen tense.

November 15—Home in ambulance.

November 20—All symptoms cleared up.

These few extracts impart but a meager picture of what occurred in this eight-day period recorded in five printed pages of clinical notes. They do, however, add one more name to the roll of heroes for science.

#### "IF YOU FAIL US WHERE SHALL WE TURN?"

This was the question recently propounded by a governor while he was addressing a medical meeting, and he went on to say:

"We don't pay much attention to the heroes of medicine who have done wonderful things. Your profession needs to take definite steps to keep the public well informed of the progress of medicine and instruct the people how to discover the men most competent to practice the healing art.

"Every time a citizen strays into the hands of a quack or an incompetent practitioner he comes away with a lowered opinion of the title 'Doctor.' It would be a great day if some time a layman could open the door of any physician's office and know in this State the standards are the highest and the title of 'Doctor' cannot be usurped by any ambitious fellow, half-trained in medicine and improperly grounded in the essentials of medical education."

This is a direct challenge to organized medicine. It can be answered by efforts directed toward the securing of a qualification law for all who seek to attend the sick. In this quest we will have the support of all thinking persons. Every member is urged to aid to attain that goal, for we shall not fail the public. A preliminary draft of a proposed qualification law has been sent to every county society for study and comment.

#### MAILING LISTS

The Association now has a list of all licensed physicians in California—some eleven thousand. This list is in the form of addressograph plates, containing the names of our members as well as the names of physicians who are not members. It is revised monthly.

Members desiring to mail reprints, questionnaires, literature, etc., to California physicians can arrange to secure this mailing list, or have envelopes addressed at the Association's offices. A very reasonable charge is made to cover the cost of labor.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are urged to notify the State Secretary of changes in their address.

Every month copies of this JOURNAL are returned because the post office reports the member has moved. This entails an expense, because the post office charges for notices of non delivery. So won't you please aid in avoiding this expense by sending in a post card giving your new address? Last month it cost the JOURNAL \$16 because members failed to report their new address.

#### YOUR OFFICE AS A HEALTH CENTER

There is great need for extended application of preventive health measures. Information at hand evidences that the people do not receive nor do the physicians give preventive advice and treatment in the extent that society should receive and benefit from its administration.

It is true that patients are not always able to pay the usual fee for this advice and treatment. It is also true that many physicians have idle time on their hands. In several States the following plan is in operation.

The physicians announce that on certain days and during certain specified hours, outside of regular office hours, they will examine, advise and treat patients unable to pay the usual fees for chest examinations, tuberculin tests, vaccination toxoids and typhoid immunizations, and other prophylactic measures for a reduced fee.

Physicians arrange to be in their offices during these fixed hours and in groups, as is done in clinic, these preventive services are rendered.

These special hours are advertised by an educational campaign in the press before Parent-Teacher Associations and in notices sent to parents under the auspices of the county society.

Where these special office hours have been arranged physicians report pleasing results and increased income. At seventy-five cents, or a dollar or some such cash fee, many men have increased their income by \$15 to \$30 in these special hours.

The subject may well be considered by county societies with a view to adopting the plan.

#### ETHICS

The principles of medical ethics and the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of county and state medical associations governing the conduct of members have enabled the medical profession to maintain a high morale within its membership. These two provisions have stood the test of time, and are accredited as having been important factors in maintaining a high standard of professional integrity and dependability. They insure to the public sound and safe principles of practice and also assure the public a sustained interest in its health welfare.

The very nature of the profession's relationship to the public demands the observation and conforming to by its members of these guiding rules and principles of conduct. Without them public confidence could not be maintained.

A physician voluntarily affiliates with his medical society. One of the conditions of membership is that he agrees to accept and abide by the principles of

ethics and the rules of professional conduct and willingly agrees to place himself under their disciplinary provisions. No unreasonable demands are made. The provisions are such that any honorable physician promptly recognizes them as being an acceptable standard of integrity and honorableness and accepts them as agreeable ideals for his professional career.

Whenever a member, by his conduct and professional activities, infracts these principles and rules of conduct in a flagrant and persistent manner and no longer observes them in his dealings with the public and his patient, he becomes liable to disciplinary procedure. It is the same course that is observed by churches, lodges, fraternities, and clubs.

#### WORTH PONDERING OVER

Tom and Tabby are said to have nine lives. The copy-cat has at least ninety and nine, is ubiquitous and, of all domestic animals, the most prolific and annoying.

Midnight electric light augments the students' responsibilities as well as pleasures. Unless handicapped by the softening influences of luxury he should accomplish vastly more than a Lincoln, whose evening reading was by firelight.

If it is true that a disconcerting beginning contributes to a favorable termination it is probable that this is through promoting greater caution on the way.

The foregoing are sayings of a septuagenarian.

There is a pressing need to recognize that governments exist to be supported by the people and not to support its people. Our perniciously acquired habit of endeavoring to "thumb" all we can from the government is fundamentally unsound. The same principle applies to organized effort as represented by our county and state medical organizations. The basic principle is "to give," not "get."

There are several famous health museums in foreign countries. There were none of note in this country till November, 1934. During that month a movement to give America its own museum of hygiene got under way in Chicago. With but one exception (a foreign exhibit) all the medical and health exhibits of the Century of Progress will be placed permanently in the large Rosenwald Museum. It should become a factor in teaching health.

#### COUNCIL MINUTES

##### Minutes of the Adjourned Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association

*The following minutes were approved by the Council at its two hundred and thirtieth meeting, held at San Francisco, Saturday, January 19, 1935.*

Held in Assembly Room 214, Hotel Sir Francis Drake, San Francisco, Saturday, December 22, 1934, at 9:30 a. m.

**Present.**—Doctors Clarence G. Toland, president; Robert A. Peers, president-elect; Edward M. Pallette, speaker; T. Henshaw Kelly, chairman of the Council; Karl L. Schaupp, chairman of Executive Committee; Councilors W. W. Roblee, Carl L. Howson, Henry J. Ullmann, Fred R. DeLappe, Alfred L. Phillips, O. D. Hamlin, C. E. Schoff, Henry S. Rogers, Harry H. Wilson, C. O. Tanner, William H. Kiger, Morton R. Gibbons; Charles A. Dukes, chairman of Committee on Public Relations; George H. Kress, editor; F. C. Warnshuis, secretary; and Hartley F. Peart, general counsel.

**Absent.**—Dr. Junius B. Harris, because of illness.

1. **Call to Order.**—The two hundred and twenty-ninth adjourned meeting of the Council was called to order by the chairman, T. Henshaw Kelly.

2. **British Medical Association.**—The secretary stated that in reply to his request for information regarding the proposed tour of the United States by the British Medical Association, the American Medical Association advised that the British Association would be in this country during the first week of August, 1935, and planned to stop in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Ullmann, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That a Committee of Eight be appointed by the president to arrange for the entertainment and comfort of the British Medical Association while in California.

The president appointed as members of the committee: Robert Peers (chairman), Harry H. Wilson, J. C. Geiger, R. Makinson, T. H. Kelly, Edward M. Pallette, W. W. Roblee, C. G. Toland, and F. C. Warnshuis.

3. **Western Hospital Association.**—A letter from the Western Hospital Association asking the California Medical Association to participate in a joint conference in February, was read.

The secretary was instructed to write the Western Hospital Association informing them that individual members are willing to aid wherever possible, but that the Association cannot participate in a joint conference.

4. **Letter of Appreciation.**—A letter was read expressing the appreciation of Doctor Toland of the Association's sympathy in the death of his mother.

5. **President's Badges.**—The secretary submitted drawings of the proposed president's badge and reported on the cost thereof.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Gibbons, seconded by Roblee and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the matter of the purchase and presentation of badges to living past presidents of the Association be deferred.

6. **Goodall vs. Brite.**—Discussion was had of bill of Mr. Alfred Siemon for services rendered in preparing brief in case of Goodall vs. Brite.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Ullmann, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the secretary write a letter to Mr. Siemon stating that the condition of the Association's finances are such that only \$500 can be allocated to services on brief and an additional \$8.35 for costs.

7. **Corporate Practice.**—A bill for \$466 for services of special investigators at Los Angeles incurred in the investigation of the corporate practice of medicine in Los Angeles by hospital associations was presented.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Schaupp, seconded by Peers and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the expenditure of \$466 be approved and the bill be paid.

It was stated that the work of the committee was now completed. Doctor Wilson submitted a brief report for the committee.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Pallette, seconded by DeLappe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the report of the committee be accepted and the committee be thanked for its activities and discharged.

8. **Committee of Five.**—The secretary submitted a report on the money advanced to the Committee of Five for the Medical Economics Survey stating that a total of \$15,075.85 had been advanced to date and that a request had been received for \$3000 more. Further discussion was deferred until later in the day.

9. **Basic Science Act.**—A letter was presented from the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Society regarding sponsorship of the proposed basic science act.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by DeLappe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the secretary be instructed to answer this communication stating that this is a matter which has been under consideration by the California Medical Association for a number of years. The Association recognizes the responsibility and will at all times be most willing to assist in the endeavors to secure desired legislation when a final decision is made by the Association concerning the form and content of said legislation.

**10. Ross-Loos Appeal.**—The Council resumed its deliberations of this appeal in executive session. Councilors not qualified to participate retired.

After mature deliberation the opinion and decision was adopted and concurred in without a dissenting vote.

**Resolved,** That we arise from executive session.

**11. Life Insurance Fees.**—A letter was presented from the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society regarding fees paid by different insurance companies for examinations. It was pointed out that at present there was no fee schedule approved by the California Medical Association upon which to base these fees. It was stated that inasmuch as the American Medical Association has a committee which is negotiating with the insurance companies regarding medical fees for examinations the Council deems it inadvisable at this time to give any special consideration to the subject until the report of the American Medical Association Committee is available.

**12. Chicago Medical Society.**—Letter and resolution of the Chicago Medical Society regarding the radio broadcasts under the title of "Doctors, Dollars and Disease" was presented.

Action by the Council.—On motion of DeLappe, seconded by Pallette and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the secretary be instructed to reply to the letter.

**13. X-Ray Fee Schedule.**—Doctor Gibbons, member of the Committee on X-Ray Fee Schedule for Industrial Accident Work, submitted a progress report. Doctor Gibbons stated that until a fee schedule was adopted and approved by the Association there was no basis for working with the Industrial Commission.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Ullmann, seconded by Peers and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the committee prepare a schedule and present it for adoption by the Council and that it then be offered to the House of Delegates.

**14. SERA.**—Doctor Roblee reported on the progress that had been made in medical care under the State Emergency Relief Administration in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Doctor Roblee stated that the care in San Bernardino County carried hospitalization and that in Riverside it did not carry hospitalization.

A report was then submitted by Doctor Wilson on the conference held by the Committee on Emergency Relief of the Association and the SERA authorities in San Francisco, and he stated that another conference was scheduled for Monday, at which time a state plan for medical care in all counties would be considered.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Toland, seconded by Rogers and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the progress report of the SERA Medical Advisory Committee be approved.

**15. Woman's Auxiliary.**—Doctor Roblee stated that in the past an allotment had been made to the Woman's Auxiliary each year for entertainment at the annual session and that \$150 had been requested for entertainment at the next meeting at Yosemite.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Roblee, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the California Medical Association allocate \$150 to the Woman's Auxiliary for entertainment expenses at the Yosemite session.

**16. Trustees to the American Medical Association.** Discussion was had of the distribution of trustees of the American Medical Association, and the following

information was presented: There are two trustees within fifty miles of Chicago. There is one trustee in Minnesota, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts, Georgia, Oregon, and New York. The East Coast has three trustees, and the Southeast Coast one in Georgia. The Midwest has four trustees. The West Coast, one trustee, residing in Oregon. The large area west of Chicago and of Minneapolis from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico, and extending to the Pacific Coast, has but one trustee.

The following notice of the introduction of an amendment to the Constitution of the American Medical Association is hereby given:

**WHEREAS,** Because the large area and the long distances in the constituent states on the Pacific Coast make it practically impossible for one trustee to maintain intimate contact with the medical organizations of these states; and

**WHEREAS,** For similar reasons one trustee is unable to visit these several states and advise them in regard to Association policies and activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Such intimate affiliations would enhance the work of the American Medical Association and also that of the State Associations; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Reference Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws prepare the following amendment to Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution:

"Strike out the word 'nine' and insert therefor the word 'eleven,' thereby increasing the number of trustees from nine to eleven; and be it

**Resolved,** That the House of Delegates adopt the rule that one trustee shall be elected from the Fellows in California, one from the Midwest or southwestern part of the country.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Pallette, seconded by Kiger and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolved,** That notice of the contemplated action be sent to Doctor West and that the chairman of the California delegation present the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the American Medical Association to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

**17. Recess.**—At this point a recess of the Council was declared for luncheon.

**18. Call to Order.**—The meeting was called to order by the chairman. Doctors William R. Molony, Sr., Alson R. Kilgore, Rodney Yoell, members of the Committee of Five, were present, and Professor Paul A. Dodd, director of survey.

**19. Committee of Five.**—Doctor Molony reported on the activities of the committee and stated that Doctor Kilgore had been appointed by the Survey Committee as a committee of one to present a plan for a voluntary health insurance plan; that Doctor Yoell, a Committee of One, to present plan for a compulsory health insurance plan; that each speaker of the Committee of Five would be allowed twenty minutes to present his views to the Council. Doctor Molony stated that Doctor Wilson, as secretary of the committee, would present the technical end of the discussion. Doctor Wilson then outlined the work of the committee briefly and suggested that Doctor Dodd present the technical work of the committee.

Doctor Molony presented the following digest of minutes of the meeting held at San Francisco on December 21, 1934:

"Present: Molony, Peers, Yoell, Kilgore, Mr. Lionel Browne of the Attorney-General's office.

"An extended discussion was had of various legal aspects of the outline of compulsory bill proposed by Doctor Yoell.

"Moved by Kilgore, seconded by Yoell, that the committee recommend that the Council place before a special meeting of the House of Delegates three propositions: (1) The adoption of a policy favoring immediate compulsory health insurance legislation. (2) The adoption of a policy of establishing private initiative (so-called voluntary) health insurance by the California Medical Association to such extent and as soon as may be done legally and practically. (3) That

the California Medical Association state its belief that the principle of insurance can be applied to sickness, it is acutely conscious of a number of difficulties in the way of extended application of this principle in California. It does not believe that these difficulties are insurmountable, but is impressed with the importance of further thorough study and investigation, and strongly deprecates hasty legislation.—W. R. Molony, Chairman of Committee of Five."

Doctor Dodd gave a detailed discussion and report on the actual working of the survey stating that delay had been occasioned by the difficulties encountered in perfecting plans with the SERA, by field workers and by the slowness of the return of questionnaires mailed in the State; that twenty-six counties had been completely surveyed and five counties were still incomplete. Doctor Dodd submitted a written report on the money expended, questionnaires distributed, hospitals and doctors contacted, etc., and stated that it would be possible to have a preliminary report ready by the middle of January and that in order to complete the survey and arrive at final conclusions, two to three months more would be necessary.

Doctor Dodd stated that he wished to go on record as to the spirit of cooperation and open-mindedness of the Committee of Five.

It was pointed out that in order to complete the survey and submit conclusions by the technical staff it would be necessary to have an additional appropriation of \$7,500, bringing the total cost of the survey to the California Medical Association exclusive of printing, distribution and actuarial figures to \$28,643.31.

At this point Doctor Yoell was requested to present his plan for compulsory health insurance.

Doctor Kilgore then presented a plan for voluntary health insurance, at the request of the Council, in written form.

Doctor Yoell then requested three minutes additional time to discuss some of the statements made by Doctor Kilgore in his discussion.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Ullmann, seconded by Roblee and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Doctor Yoell be requested to present in writing his plan of compulsory health insurance in order that the members of the Council may have a clear idea of it.

Doctors Peers and Wilson then addressed the Council. Doctor Wilson stated that he considered it inadvisable to attempt to set the date of the meeting of the House of Delegates at this time and suggested that the matter of setting the date lie over until the January meeting of the Council, at which time the report of the Survey Committee in preliminary form would be available.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Palette, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Five be requested to make as full a report as possible at the January meeting of the Council.

**20. Addressograph.**—The secretary stated that at present the office had a hand addressograph and service covering only the members of the Association and that it was desirable to have a list of all licensed physicians and surgeons in California. Doctor Warnshuis stated that an addressograph could be installed at a cost of approximately \$500; that since the cost of mailing journals was \$70 monthly the initial cost would soon be absorbed by mailing the JOURNAL from the Association's list.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Dukes, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the secretary be authorized to purchase an addressograph and to compile a list of the non-member licensed physicians and surgeons in California, on approval of the Auditing Committee.

**21. Membership Record.**—The secretary stated that Remington-Rand had submitted an estimate of \$403.50 plus cost of cards and table for a complete membership record file that would impart all necessary data on each member in a perpetuating form.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by DeLappe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the secretary be authorized to install the membership record file as outlined in bid of Remington-Rand Company, upon authorization of the Auditing Committee.

**22. Financial Statement.**—Financial statement for the month of November, 1934, was presented by the secretary, and on motion of Peers, seconded by Dukes, was approved.

The chairman of the Council reported on the loan negotiated by officers of the Association.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Peers, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the action of the chairman of the Council and the secretary-treasurer in negotiating a loan of \$5,000 be approved, and that the chairman of the Council and the secretary be authorized to negotiate further loans to provide for the Association's financial needs.

**23. Report of Auditing Committee.**—The report of the Auditing Committee was presented. It was stated that since no meetings of the Executive Committee had been held, it had not been approved by that body as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws. It was stated that a meeting of the committee would undoubtedly be held prior to the January meeting of the Council and that the report should be submitted to the Executive Committee for its approval before presentation at the January meeting of the Council.

The recommendations attached to the report of the Auditing Committee were read as follows:

"Your Auditing Committee recommends that the following actions be recorded by the Council:

1. That all requests for expenditures of funds not included in the budget be referred to the Auditing Committee for their approval and recommendations before an appropriation is made by the Council.

2. That the secretary-treasurer-business manager be instructed to confer with the James H. Barry Company in the matter of publication costs of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and report his findings at the next meeting of the Council.

3. That the secretary-business manager be instructed to take over the business details of reprint sales and secure contract for printing and fixing the reprint sales price, and report his findings and recommendations to the Council.

4. That no commission be paid for the sale of exhibit space at the annual meeting.

5. That the JOURNAL wrapper return notice be changed so as to conserve expenditure of funds required each month upon unclaimed JOURNALS returned by the Post Office Department.

6. That the secretary be requested to secure prices for card index membership record and to report the estimated cost of installing such record to the Council for its consideration.

7. The Auditing Committee recommends to the Council that it rescind its action providing frames for the 1935 membership certificates because of the cost involved.

8. The Auditing Committee has devised a new voucher-check and auditing blanks which will enable the Association to have a more compact record of financial transactions and disbursements.

9. That the secretary be requested to obtain from Ernst & Ernst an estimate of the cost for annual audit of the Association's financial transactions.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Dukes, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the recommendations attached to the report of the Auditing Committee as outlined above be approved.

**24. Audit of Association Accounts.**—A letter from Ernst & Ernst, accountants, submitting an estimate on auditing the accounts of the California Medical Association and the Trustees Of The California Medical Association at a rate of \$30 per diem for senior



accountants and \$20 per diem for assistant accountants, with a maximum fee of \$250, was read.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Ullmann, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the recommendation of the secretary be approved and Ernst & Ernst be employed to audit the books of the Association and the Trustees Of The California Medical Association.

**25. Subscription Price of Journal to Libraries.**—Discussion was had of a reduced subscription price for the JOURNAL to medical libraries throughout the country.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Peers, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That medical libraries be charged the regular subscription price for the JOURNAL except where otherwise authorized by the Council.

The secretary was instructed to notify the medical libraries.

**26. Ivy Reprint.**—The secretary reported that ten thousand of the Ivy reprints on "Contributions of Animals to Health" were at present being printed, but that it was decided not to use the illustrations, since they proved valueless when reproduced.

**27. California and Western Medicine.**—The secretary stated that he had secured estimates on publication of the JOURNAL in similar form and number from various sources and that the costs compared favorably with the present cost of printing.

**28. Reprints of Journal Articles.**—The secretary outlined a method of handling reprints direct through the Association's offices.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by DeLappe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the secretary be authorized to institute the system of handling reprints direct from the Association's office.

**29. Publication of Papers Presented at Annual Sessions.**—A letter was presented from the secretary of the Section on General Medicine regarding delay in publication of papers presented at the annual session. Full discussion was had. It was pointed out that the large number of papers presented at each session and the necessity for diversification in subject-matter in the make-up of each issue of the JOURNAL precluded preferential publication.

It was the sense of the Council that the selection of papers be left to the Publications Committee.

**30. Advertising Agents.**—Discussion was had of the advertising secured by agents for publication in the JOURNAL.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Kress, seconded by Phillips and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Doctor Wilson discuss with Mr. Guttman the matter of advertising sales in the JOURNAL and that the Council await his recommendations.

A letter from Mr. Flynn, northern advertising agent, was presented in which he suggested that he attend the Yosemite session in order to contact advertisers personally and aid them in presenting a successful commercial exhibit at the Yosemite session.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Wilson, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the secretary be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Flynn's presence at the Yosemite session.

**31. Legislation.**—The general counsel discussed prospective legislation, with special reference to the county hospital bill, hospital service insurance bill, laboratory bill, and amendments to the Medical Practice Act.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Dukes, seconded by Peers and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider these measures and to instruct Mr. Peart.

Discussion was had of the case of Pacific Employers' Insurance Company versus the Insurance Commissioner. The general counsel submitted a copy of the Brief of Amici Curiae.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Rogers, seconded by Dukes and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the matter be left to the judgment of the general counsel and that a maximum sum of \$100 be allowed for printing costs (no attorney's fees to be included in this amount).

The general counsel stated that the brief in the case of Francis vs. Nelson was now ready.

Mr. Peart stated that consideration should be given to provisions in county society constitutions which would provide for a tie-in with the State Society in matters of professional conduct and discipline.

The general counsel submitted a progress report on malpractice insurance problems with special reference to a plan for a reciprocal exchange.

The general counsel stated that the State Federation of Labor had declared itself as in favor of legislation utilizing county hospital for maternity cases.

The forthcoming Constitutional Convention was brought to the attention of the Council.

**32. Adjournment.**—At this point, adjournment was taken until 9 a. m. Sunday.

**Present.**—Clarence G. Toland, Robert A. Peers, E. M. Pallette, T. Henshaw Kelly, Karl L. Schaupp, W. W. Roblee, Carl R. Howson, Henry J. Ullmann, Fred R. DeLappe, Alfred L. Phillips, C. E. Schoff, H. S. Rogers, Harry Wilson, W. H. Kiger, Morton R. Gibbons, C. A. Dukes, F. C. Warnshuis, Hartley F. Peart.

**Absent.**—O. D. Hamlin, C. O. Tanner, J. B. Harris, George H. Kress.

**33. Call to Order.**—The adjourned meeting of the Council was called to order by the chairman.

The chairman announced that the Council would meet with the members of the Interim Committee and representatives of the dental profession at 10 a. m.

**34. Committee of Five.**—Further discussion was had of the appropriation for the completion of the survey now being conducted by the Committee of Five.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Toland, seconded by Pallette and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That there be allocated to the Committee of Five for use in conducting the survey on the cost of medical care such added amount as was requested by the committee to bring the total sum to not exceed \$28,700 for the entire survey; disbursements to be approved by the Auditing Committee on regular voucher check.

**35. Interim Committee.**—T. Henshaw Kelly, chairman of the Council, announced that the members of the Interim Committee and representatives of the dental profession had arrived for conference.

Doctor Kelly then presented Senator Dan Williams, Senator Edward H. Tickle; Roland J. French, president of the Western Hospital Association; Roy Green and Ernest Sloman, members of the Legislative Committee of the Dental Profession; T. R. Sweet, president of the Dental Association; and Professor Paul A. Dodd, director of survey and assistant professor of economics, University of California at Los Angeles. Upon his arrival Celestine J. Sullivan, coordinator secretary of the Interim Committee, was also presented to the Council.

The chairman requested Doctor Wilson and Doctor Dodd to present the present status and future progress of the survey so that those present might be conversant with this matter before further discussion was had.

After this was done, the chairman invited Senator Williams, Senator Tickle, Doctor French, Doctor Sweet, Doctor Green, Doctor Sloman, and Mr. Sullivan to discuss any means of using the work of the survey in the work of the Senate Interim Committee or any other matters that they desired to speak about.

After a full and helpful discussion it was understood that the Council would meet on January 19 and set a date for a special meeting of the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association in February, at which time usable material would be available from the survey and a decision on policy could be made by the California Medical Association.

In the meantime the Committee of Five and the Council would maintain contact with the Senate Interim Committee, and any material in the office of the California Medical Association or the survey would be available to the latter committee.

**36. Call to Order.**—The Council was called to order after the conference with the Interim Committee for the consideration of further routine business.

**37. Date of Council Meeting.**—Consideration was given to the most opportune time for the next meeting of the Council.

On motion of Pallette, seconded by Roblee and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Council be held on January 19, 1933, in San Francisco.

It was stated that the date of the special meeting of the House of Delegates would be discussed at the January 19 meeting of the Council.

### **38. Committee of Five.**

Action by the Council.—On motion of Schaupp, seconded by DeLappe and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That an invitation be extended by the Council and the Committee of Five that a member of the dental profession be designated to sit with and advise the Committee of Five in its future deliberations.

At this point the chairman read the following note, which was sent to the Council by Dr. Paul A. Dodd:

"As director of the research staff for the Committee of Five, I wish to express my deep appreciation to the Council for its vote of confidence evidenced by the approval of the final request for appropriations and lay before it the pledge that every economy possible be exercised in the expenditure of this appropriation. Not a dollar will be spent that is not absolutely necessary in the completion of our task."

**39. Legislation.**—The general counsel discussed further contemplated legislation.

The advisability of defining hospital insurance by an amendment to the Political Code was brought up.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Rogers, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the general counsel prepare a bill defining hospital insurance as health and accident insurance and clarifying the law.

**40. San Diego Health Insurance Plan.**—A letter from the San Diego Medical Society, together with a plan for health insurance under the Fraternal Insurance Law, was presented.

It was stated that the plan had been voted down by the San Diego Society since the letter had been forwarded to the State Association and consideration was, therefore, unnecessary.

**41. Expenditures.**—Discussion was had of expenditures of the Association, with special reference to the legal department.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Toland, seconded by Pallette and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Dr. W. W. Roblee, as chairman, and Doctors Morton R. Gibbons and W. H. Kiger, be appointed by the chairman of the Council to make a survey of all legal expenses of the California Medical Association for the past five years, and bring in a report at the January meeting of the Council with such suggestions as to the future policy as may be deemed best. That the necessary expense incident be paid by the California Medical Association.

**42. Public Welfare.**—After discussion of the value of scientific medicine to public welfare, on motion of

Dukes, seconded by Ullmann, the following resolution was adopted:

*WHEREAS*, It is deemed desirable to transmit to the Governor of California the desire of the California Medical Association to make available to him the services of this Association in all matters relating to public health; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the president and the secretary be instructed to convey to Governor Merriam, in a communication, that all the facilities, information and experiences of the California Medical Association are at his command whenever the Governor feels the need of dependable advice and information in matters related to public health, preventive medicine and medical care.

**43. Membership Certificates.**—Doctor Howson stated that since the Council had decided, on account of the expense entailed, not to furnish frames with the membership certificates, that it would be desirable to arrange with some firm to keep a supply of suitable frames on hand which might be secured both in San Francisco and Los Angeles at a reasonable rate.

**44. Minutes of the Council.**—Discussion was had of the present procedure in handling Council minutes.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Pallette, seconded by Ullmann and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the present procedure in approving Council minutes be dispensed with and that in the future the first draft of the minutes prepared by the secretary and chairman be mailed to all members of the Council within seven days of the meeting, for correction, which draft should be returned to the State office within five days; that the corrected draft be remailed to councilors within five days, and if further corrections are received they be again remailed; or if corrections are not received within five days after final revision the minutes be approved for publication.

It was stated that minor changes in wording would not necessitate resubmission of minutes to councilors.

**45. Approval of Minutes of the Council.**—Minutes of the adjourned two hundred and twenty-ninth meeting of the Council held on October 6, 14, and November 10, 1934, were presented to the Council.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Phillips, seconded by Roblee and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the minutes of the two hundred and twenty-ninth adjourned meeting of the Council held on October 6, 14, and November 10, be approved, and published in the January JOURNAL.

**46. Medical Economics.**—The secretary asked instructions from the Council as to whether or not the county societies should be informed as to authentic literature regarding medical economic questions.

It was the sense of the Council that copies of information coming from the Bureau of Medical Economics of the American Medical Association be sent to members of the Committee of Five and all county societies in order that they may be informed on those questions.

**47. House of Delegates.**—The question was raised as to seating of delegates at the contemplated special meeting of the House of Delegates. The constitutional provision on seating of delegates was considered.

Action by the Council.—On motion of Pallette, seconded by Phillips and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That those delegates be seated who were regularly elected for the 1934 session and that the county secretaries be instructed in accordance with the by-laws that the delegates regularly elected for the 1934 session at Riverside will be seated.

**48. American Medical Association.**—Discussion was had regarding the advisability of inviting the American Medical Association to San Francisco in 1937. Action was deferred.

**49. Adjournment.**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

T. HENSHAW KELLY, M. D., *Chairman.*

F. C. WARNSHUIS, M. D., *Secretary.*



## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### MONTEREY COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Monterey County Medical Society was held on January 4 at the Hotel Del Monte.

After the dinner the officers for the coming year were installed, and President Hugh Dormody turned the gavel over to Dr. L. P. Davlin, who outlined plans for the year. Some SERA problems were discussed, and the feeling was that all the doctors should be permitted to treat these patients. Communication has been made with the State Association president and president-elect regarding action in this matter. The meeting adjourned until February 8.

W. H. LAWLER, *Secretary*.

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### ORANGE COUNTY

The forty-seventh annual banquet of the Orange County Medical Association was held in the Santa Ana Country Club at 7 p. m. January 8. There were approximately one hundred members and guests present.

A turkey dinner was served by the Club, and during the meal amplified recordings were heard. After the dinner the guests were entertained by a group of selected numbers rendered by the Santa Ana Elks Double Quartette.

Dr. D. A. Harwood acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. H. G. Huffman, the president of the Woman's Auxiliary, gave a concise review of the activities of the organization during the past year. *Recent Changes in the Practice of Medicine* was the subject of the address given by Dr. H. G. Huffman, the retiring president. He spoke on strides made in the science of medicine and urged that we keep abreast of the times in both the science and the economics of medicine.

Mr. J. Frank Burke, the editor and publisher of the Santa Ana *Daily Register*, was the invited guest speaker. His subject was *Can Medicine Be Successfully Socialized Alone?*

Following the installation of officers for 1935 the meeting adjourned. WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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### PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society held its January meeting at the Freeman Hotel in Auburn on the 12th at 8:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Louis E. Jones, president. In addition to President Jones, there were the following members and visitors:

Members—Paul D. Barnes, Robert H. Eveleth, W. M. Miller, James F. McAnally, J. A. Russell, W. A. Vinks, Michael F. Flatley, R. C. Atkinson, Robert A. Peers, D. M. Kindopp, and Mildred E. Thoren.

Visitors—Dr. Emile Holman, professor of surgery, Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco; Dr. C. E. Schoff, councilor of the eighth district, Dr. Frank Scatena, Dr. F. A. MacDonald, Dr. H. M. Kanner and Dr. Orrin Cook, all of Sacramento; Dr. Ward of Auburn and Dr. Ellert E. Lundegaard of Weimar.

The following applications for membership were read for the first time: Dr. Vernon W. Padgett of Allegany and Dr. Ellert E. Lundegaard of Weimar.

Following routine business the president introduced Dr. Emile Holman, who addressed the Society upon *The Treatment of Pyogenic and Tuberculous Pulmonary Suppuration—Clinical and Experimental Observations*. He illustrated his talk with lantern slides. Doctor Holman brought out the following points, based upon experimental work done by him, and also upon his surgical experience.

Experimental evidence was presented, indicating that infected emboli invariably produce marked pneumonitis, followed frequently by abscess in the parenchyma of the lung. Similar abscesses were also produced when a sterile embolus lodged in the lung of an animal which harbored an infection elsewhere in the body, such as an infected compound fracture or an infected

operative wound. Such secondary infection of an embolized area of the lung by circulating organisms probably explained a certain number of postoperative pulmonary abscesses.

Pulmonary suppuration due to the tubercle bacillus can be produced in the dog by the introduction of a tubercle infected embolus in the jugular vein. The pathologic changes initiated by such an embolus were first a pneumonitis, followed successively by a caseous consolidation and a liquefaction of the pneumonic area with abscess formation.

In the presence of pyogenic or tuberculous suppuration of the lung there invariably occurs a marked dilatation of the bronchial artery leading to the suppurative area. This dilatation of the bronchial artery with its systemic blood pressure undoubtedly accounts for the occasional massive and fatal arterial hemorrhage that occurs in the presence of pyogenic and tuberculous abscesses.

Following ligation of the pulmonary artery to a lobe, there develops a dilatation of the bronchial artery and a filling up of the pulmonary artery through its capillary connections with the bronchial artery. Large pulmonary emboli in the pulmonary artery produce the same dilatation of the bronchial artery and its capillary communications with the pulmonary artery. This is undoubtedly a clinical occurrence also.

In the treatment of pyogenic pulmonary abscesses, adequate drainage is most imperative. Whether achieved through a bronchus by postural drainage or through a surgical incision is immaterial, but it must be adequate as evidenced by a diminution in cough, in sputum and in fever. A trial of two to four weeks of absolute bed rest and postural drainage is warranted before advising surgical intervention. If there is a large opening into a bronchus with profuse drainage from the abscess, every effort should be made to avoid establishing a second large opening to the outside through the chest wall. A thorough and through passage from chest wall to trachea interferes markedly with the normal cough reflex, thus preventing evacuation of surrounding bronchi. The resultant atelectasis precludes the expansion of normal pulmonary tissue around the abscess and thus interferes with the obliteration of the abscess.

The apical tuberculous pulmonary abscess must also be obliterated to effect a cure. If pneumothorax is impossible, selective surgical collapse is indicated rather than an extensive complete thoracoplasty. This may be achieved by complete resection of first, second, and third ribs and partial resection of fourth and fifth ribs. Resection of the transverse processes is also an occasional aid as well as partial resection of the lower third of the scapula. Conservation of good lung may be very important in the face of bilateral disease. This, selective surgical collapse aims to do.

The following members and visitors took part in the discussion: Doctors Holman, Peers, P. D. Barnes, Kindopp, Atkinson, Thoren, Scatena, Cook, and MacDonald.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

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### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The San Bernardino County Medical Society met at the San Bernardino County Charity Hospital on Tuesday evening, January 8, at eight o'clock.

The meeting was opened by the president, with sixty-five members and guests present.

Doctor Wylie briefly discussed the General Medical Aid Corporation. The motion passed by the Council was called for. The secretary read the motion: "That the society disapprove of the General Medical Aid Corporation in that they refuse to fill out any of the G. M. A. reports." It was moved, seconded, and passed by the society. Doctor Abbott thought that in the future the society should have nothing to do with similar organizations until investigation by the Committee on Public Relations.

The applications of Dr. J. S. Hayhurst and Dr. H. Milford Nelson were favorably voted upon.

Dr. C. G. Hilliard, chairman of the SERA Medical Advisory Committee, gave a short report, commend-

ing the members upon their splendid coöperation in carrying out the SERA medical program. Mr. Thoreson, who was unable to attend the meeting was also pleased, Doctor Hilliard stated. Members were cautioned to use cheaper drugs of the U. S. P., and not the costly proprietary remedies.

Due to an order from the State SERA Director, the fee schedule was reduced to the old CWA fees of \$1.25 for all office visits and \$1.75 for home visits, etc. This charge is effective from January 9, 1935. Relief work in general is up in the air.

The cost for doctors' services, not including nurses, hospitalization, etc., for the four weeks compiled, was one per cent of the total amount spent by the SERA in this county. Doctor Hilliard lamented the fact that the State organization had not given us more support for the program we worked so hard for.

The program of the evening was then given: *Can a Conscientious Doctor Keep Out of Jail?* by Mrs. Kemper Campbell, LL. B., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, College of Medical Evangelists.

A. E. VARDEN, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental club-rooms, January 3, in Stockton. This was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Dr. P. B. Gallegos.

Dr. P. B. Gallegos then installed the incoming president for 1935, Dr. C. A. Broaddus, who gave a short address concerning his plans for 1935. He reported the formation of an Executive Committee and told of a meeting in which plans for the ensuing year had been discussed.

The scientific program of the evening was opened by Dr. Don King, associate professor of surgery at Stanford, who discussed *Injuries Involving the Shoulder Joint*. This was a very fine paper, and much information was compressed into a very brief and well-planned article. Doctors Sanderson, Vieira, English, and Dameron discussed the presentation. The second paper of the evening was presented by Dr. Robert Sarborough, also from the department of surgery at Stanford, who gave a paper on *Treatment of Minor Complaints of the Rectum and Anus*. This led to a lively discussion.

Dr. J. P. Hull spoke about objections to a new textbook which was being planned for use in the public schools, the opposition being led by cultists who disapprove of a chapter on the germ theory of disease. This matter was referred to Dr. D. R. Powell and his committee for action. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p. m. and refreshments were served.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The annual dinner meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held on January 14 at the El Mirasol Hotel. There were present sixty members and thirteen guests.

Ballots for the election were collected at the door by the tellers, which greatly reduced the time usually taken up for balloting.

Previous to the dinner the members and their guests were treated to refreshments and music.

During the dinner service the results of the initial balloting were read and the final ballots were then distributed, and the following officers were then declared elected: President, E. Kost Shelton; vice-president, P. A. Gray; vice-presidents-at-large, H. G. Hanze, M. T. Duncan; secretary, W. H. Eaton. Councilors: H. E. Henderson, Hugh Freidell, O. C. Jones (north of Gaviota).

Doctor Markthaler then called upon President-elect Shelton to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

After short introductory remarks, Doctor Shelton called upon the following visitors for a few remarks: Judge Atwell Westwick, Attorney Harrison Ryon, and Dr. Harry V. DeGighne of Juneau, Alaska.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that Dr. William T. Barry be elected an honorary member of the Society.

Doctor Shelton then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. L. L. Stanley, medical director of the State prison at San Quentin. Doctor Stanley's talk was intensely interesting and educational. Lantern slides of the prison were shown.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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#### SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its January meeting on the 10th of the month.

The meeting began with a clinic on tuberculosis, held in the offices of Doctors Shipley and Hines, 533 Mendocino Avenue. Some twenty-six patients from different parts of the county were present and examined. Dr. Sidney J. Shipman of the faculty of the University of California Medical School and Dr. F. McGrain of the Silverado Sanitarium conducted the clinic, with the assistance of quite a number of the Sonoma County physicians. This work was materially helped by the public health nurses, Miss Carlson of the State Tuberculosis Association, Miss Sacry of the High School, Miss Peterson of the county school service, and Miss Martin of the Red Cross. Mr. N. F. Higby, president of the State Tuberculosis Association, was also an observer. All present, including the patients, seemed to enjoy the meeting.

At 7 p. m. a dinner was served in the private dining room of the Occidental Hotel, which was attended by thirty members and guests.

After dinner the Society was called to order by President F. O. Butler.

There being no further important business, the president introduced Doctor Shipman, who gave a very instructive discourse upon *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*, which was illustrated by lantern slides made from x-ray films. This is the second meeting of the kind held by the Sonoma County Medical Society, and all present expressed the opinion that the time was well spent.

President Butler appointed the following personnel to serve on the committees for 1935:

Legislative Committee—H. S. Rogers of Petaluma, F. E. Sohler of Healdsburg, and J. H. McLeod of Santa Rosa.

Public Relations Committee—J. Leslie Spear of Santa Rosa, M. L. Lewis of Petaluma, and L. W. Ray of Santa Rosa.

Physiotherapy—C. M. Fleissner of Santa Rosa; E. Vieira of Sebastopol, and H. J. Wright of Healdsburg.

Cancer Committee—A. A. Thurlow of Santa Rosa, H. S. Gossage of Petaluma, and B. B. Bachelder of Sebastopol.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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#### TULARE COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held on Sunday evening, December 16, 1934, at Motley's Cafe, Visalia, Dr. John R. Hicks, presiding.

Dr. E. R. Zumwalt reported that he had discussed the formation of a unit of the Public Health League with the dentists and nurses' representatives and would have plans later for a meeting to consider organization.

A letter was read from the Tulare County SERA relative to possible projects for SERA workers in medical fields, and action was taken to signify our willingness to coöperate in this matter.

Dr. Frank Kohn then submitted the recommendations of the Nominating Committee as follows: President, Ray Rosson of Tulare; vice-president, I. M. Lipson of Visalia; secretary-treasurer, K. F. Weiss of Visalia; censor, S. S. Ginsberg of Visalia (1935-1936); delegate, K. F. Weiss of Visalia; alternate, the elected president.

The meeting was then opened for nomination of officers. Doctor Furness moved that the recommenda-

tions of the Nominating Committee be unanimously elected as the schedule of officers for 1935. This was seconded by Doctor Betts, and carried.

Dues for the coming year, 1935, were voted at \$10 local, and \$10 for State.

Following the business meeting, Dr. George F. Schenck of Los Angeles presented a practical paper on everyday genito-urinary problems. The title of his paper was *Renal Infections*. A series of lantern slides was used to present the mode of infection, routes, its progress, the pathology, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of renal infections. A round-table discussion followed this worthwhile paper.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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#### VENTURA COUNTY

The Ventura County Medical Society held its annual dinner and election of officers at the Ventura County Country Club, December 11, 1934, at 7:30 p. m.

A business meeting was held after the dinner. Nomination and election of officers was held, with those in office for 1935, as follows: President, A. Strong of Santa Paula; vice-president, Fred A. Short of Ventura; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Morrison of Santa Paula; delegate, G. C. Coffey of Ventura; alternate, W. Felberbaum of Santa Paula.

FRED A. SHORE, *Secretary*.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the County Clinic Building on Tuesday, January 8.

The meeting was called to order by President Strong, who turned the meeting over to Dr. W. S. Clark. Doctor Clark introduced Dr. Steele F. Stewart of Los Angeles, who presented a very instructive paper on *Indications for Surgery of the Sympathetic Nervous System*. Doctor Stewart then presented two reels of pictures which quite aptly illustrated the technique for performing lumbar and cervical sympathectomies.

A business meeting followed.

Communications: A letter from the Committee on Legislative Activities of the American Medical Association; State Secretary's monthly letter; invitation from the Santa Barbara society to members of this society to attend their annual meeting and dinner.

Doctor Felberbaum was appointed to determine the cost of a machine with which the monthly meeting notices could be printed. Methods for increasing the attendance were discussed.

Doctor Morrison was appointed program chairman for February, and Doctor Homer for March.

A. A. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

##### New Members (11)

*Alameda County*.—DeBert W. Connell, John R. Henry, George T. Honaker.

*Imperial County*.—W. W. Apple, John L. Barker, Florence Mary Dunlap.

*Merced County*.—Harry M. Grayman.

*Napa County*.—Orval L. Kirkle.

*Sacramento County*.—Walter N. Becker.

*San Francisco*.—Mario Isnardi.

*San Joaquin County*.—E. W. Thomas.

##### Transferred (3)

Henry Hoagland, from Los Angeles County to Riverside County.

A. R. Dickson, from Los Angeles County to Calhoun County, Michigan.

William A. Key, from San Francisco County to San Mateo County.

##### Resigned (3)

Jacques R. Gray, from San Francisco County.

Edward E. Hethcock, from Los Angeles County.

Dorothy J. Stark, from San Francisco County.

## In Memoriam

**Bucher, William Henry.** Died December 30, 1934, age 60. Graduate of Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, 1896. Licensed in California in 1912. Doctor Bucher was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Dannenbaum, Sydney Ray.** Died at San Francisco, December 23, 1934, age 53. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, 1906, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Dannenbaum was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Hennemuth, John Louis.** Died at Modesto, December 9, 1934, age 66. Graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, 1890. Licensed in California in 1891. Doctor Hennemuth was a retired member of the Stanislaus County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Kylberg, Hjalmar.** Died at Merced, December 30, 1934, age 69. Graduate of the California Eclectic Medical College, Los Angeles, 1893, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Kylberg was a member of the Merced County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Luttrell, Peter Harrison.** Died at San Francisco, December 17, 1934, age 56. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1908, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Luttrell was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Neighbors, Clarence Anson.** Died November 14, 1934, age 54. Graduate of the Kansas City Medical College, 1905. Licensed in California in 1924. Doctor Neighbors was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

#### OBITUARY

##### Clarence A. Neighbors 1880-1934

Clarence A. Neighbors was born in McPherson, Kansas, August 23, 1880. He was educated at McPherson Academy, Ottawa, University, 1902; M. S. from same, 1905; Kansas City Medical College, 1905. California license, 1924; member of Orange County Medical Association since 1929. Practiced at Emporia, Kansas, until 1920; Ottawa, Kansas, until 1927. Doctor Neighbors came to Anaheim in 1927 because of his health, and resumed practice in that place in 1929, where he continued to practice until his death on November 14, 1934.

Doctor Neighbors was a member of the Orange County Medical Association, California Medical Association, Long Beach Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Club, and American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

He was a member of the Baptist Church of Fullerton, a Mason-Shriner, an Elk, and a Lion. Former president of Lyon County Medical Association and trustee of the Baptist College of Kansas.

Doctor Neighbors married May Beatty, May 8, 1907. He is survived by his widow and three children.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

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MRS. ELMER BELT.....Editor and Chairman of Publicity

### State Auxiliary News

*Canadians to Attend Atlantic City.*—Mrs. Robert W. Tomlinson, National Auxiliary president, in a letter just arrived reminds us that the Canadian Medical Society is meeting jointly with the American Medical Association at the annual convention in Atlantic City in June. This makes the occasion one of far more than ordinary importance and gives to this great national medical gathering an interesting international flavor. Among the National Auxiliary plans for the entertainment of the feminine visitors is a gala evening specially honoring the wives of the Canadian doctors attending. Every effort to greet and entertain our national neighbors from the north will be made. Many of our members are united by bonds of personal friendship with Canadian families of the medical profession, and many more happy contacts should spring from this opportunity of meeting together.

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*National Auxiliary Officer Here.*—Mrs. Eben J. Carey, treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, was a recent visitor to the Coast with her husband, Doctor Carey, dean of Marquette University School of Medicine, and their young daughter. Mrs. Carey has already distinguished herself in the Auxiliary by work of that fine caliber that makes the cogs of organization machinery click in tune. As state president of the Wisconsin Auxiliary last year and as chairman of Credentials and Registration during the national convention at Milwaukee in 1933, she established a record for reliability and efficiency that will not be easy to equal.

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*Associate Membership Dues.*—A communication from San Diego County announces that several of the wives of physicians in Government service have lately joined the Auxiliary there as associate members. This opens the possibility of many valuable additions from that source, since the United States Army and Navy forces number many doctors in their medical corps, not only at the base in San Diego, but wherever they are stationed in organized counties of the State. Their wives and those of internes are eligible to associate membership under the new revisions of the State constitutions adopted last May.

The question of associate membership dues has come up for consideration with the inclusion of this group. Since there is no provision in the State constitution covering them, it has been suggested that the fixing of an amount of one dollar or less be left to the discretion of the county boards concerned. The State Auxiliary president has ruled that until such time as a provision is drafted to cover this point there is no need for the county to remit any part of their associate membership dues to the state treasurer.

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*Program Suggestions.*—While the year is still young and new county officers and committee chairmen are settling themselves in the official seats, we wish to submit two programs planned for this year by two

\*As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Elmer Belt, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 2200 Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Belt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

counties with the country's breadth between them. We present them with the hope that they may aid either in idea or inspiration some other county whose work is yet in the formative period. The first comes from our own State and has been worked out by Mrs. John V. Barrow and her committeemen. Under the general title of *What a Doctor's Wife Should Know*, there will be discussed a series of topics, each by a qualified speaker, for fifteen minutes, at each of the general meetings of the year. This project is an attempt at self-education among the members themselves. The topics include:

1. A comparative study of the educational qualifications of doctors of medicine, health officers, dentists, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, naturopaths.
2. Clinics—Public and Private.
3. Nutrition.
4. Animal Experimentation.
5. Food Handlers.
6. The Problems of Narcotics and Intoxicants.
7. Eugenics.
8. Security for the Child.
9. Epidemic and Contagious Diseases.

The second plan comes from Georgia and was worked out by the Fulton County Auxiliary. Their year's program includes the following subjects, one each for the main meeting of the month:

1. Status of Mother Welfare in Georgia.
2. Medicinal Plants of the Georgia Indians.
3. Proper Lighting and Sight Conservation.
4. The Story of the Christmas Seal—and the Menace of Tuberculosis.
5. Medical Legislation.
6. The History of Medicine as Related to Motherhood.
7. The Contributions Chemists have Made to Health.
8. Quackery and the Auxiliary's Place in Refuting It.
9. Study of the Medical Laws of Georgia and of the Work of the State Board of Health.

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### County Auxiliary Reports

*Alameda County.*—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Women's Athletic Club on Friday, November 16, 1934. Hostesses for the luncheon, which preceded the meeting, were Mrs. Forest Kracaw, assisted by Mrs. A. W. Henry and her committee. At the business session the ticket submitted in September by the Nominating Committee was voted upon, and the following officers declared elected: Mrs. Robert Sutherland, president; Mrs. Harold Smithies, president-elect; Mrs. Harold Trimble, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Peters, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Carpenter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walter Adams, treasurer; and Mrs. Leonard Barnard, Mrs. Lloyd Kindall and Mrs. Hobart Rogers, directors. These officers, together with the three directors held over from last year, Mrs. Walter Dickie, Mrs. A. W. Henry and Mrs. O. B. Jensen, form the board of the Alameda Auxiliary for the next eighteen months.

A Revisions Committee, headed by Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, submitted amendments to the county constitution, which were voted upon and accepted. These change the county year and annual election of officers from December to May and thus make the county and state calendar coincide. Following the business meeting, a program of impersonations and characterizations was given by Alice Weaver, one of the Alameda members, and greatly enjoyed by all her listeners for their cleverness and discernment.

MRS. A. W. HENRY, *Publicity Chairman.*

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*Los Angeles County.*—The Los Angeles County Auxiliary held its annual meeting on December 18, 1934, in the Rainbow Isle at the Mayfair. Nearly two hun-

dred attended this closed session when the work of the year just closing was reviewed and the activities of the year ahead were planned. When luncheon was over, Mr. Thad Harvey, operatic tenor, delighted everyone with his fine singing. Mrs. J. Martin Askey gave a ten-minute review of current medical events, stressing the recent award of the Nobel Prize for scientific achievement to the three American physicians—Murphy, Minot, and Whipple.

Mrs. John V. Barrow, the president, then began the business session by calling on the various officers and committee chairmen for their annual reports. Several short speeches were made from the floor in appreciation of the *Christmas Courier*, the first edition of a small news sheet sponsored by the State Auxiliary. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers—Mrs. A. Brockway, Hospitality chairman; Mrs. Charles Futch, first vice-president; and Mrs. Clifford Walker, recording secretary—was expressed. The Revisions Committee, Mrs. James F. Percy, Mrs. Philip S. Doane, and Mrs. H. Waldo Spiers, then read and submitted to vote the proposed amendments to the by-laws, which were unanimously accepted.

Among the changes effected by these amendments is the transfer of the time of the annual meeting and election of officers from December to May, thus making the county calendar concurrent with that of the State. There will be no election in May of the present year, the new officers and board continuing in their posts for the next year and a half. Mrs. Philip S. Doane, state president, took the chair for the installation of officers as follows: Re-elected for president, Mrs. John V. Barrow; first vice-president, Mrs. William A. Swim; second vice-president, Mrs. Walter H. Boyd of Long Beach; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Schiffbauer; recording secretary, Mrs. A. J. Annis. The four new directors for the board are: Mrs. Clinton D. Hubbard of Huntington Park, Mrs. Roy Miller of Pasadena, Mrs. Franklin Farman, and Mrs. Philip Stephens. Mrs. W. O. Leach of Glendale and Mrs. Mark Glaser remain on the board from last year.

To plan constructively for the coming year and to enable both the Auxiliary and each individual member in it to gain the fullest benefit from their mutual association, Mrs. Barrow has distributed among the membership a circular with a series of such questions as: What business, professional, or artistic training have you had? What are your special educational or cultural interests? To what other organizations do you belong? In which of the Auxiliary's activities would you be willing to serve? What type of program do you prefer? The answers to these circulars are now being compiled and will greatly aid the Auxiliary in planning its programs and the work of the year.

MRS. ELMER BELT, *Corresponding Secretary*.

*Riverside County*.—The following officers were elected at the December meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Riverside County Medical Association: For president, Mrs. Hervey S. Faris; first vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Roblee; second vice-president, Mrs. T. A. Card; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Geith; recording secretary, Mrs. Arthur Miller; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. J. Wickman.

*Sacramento County*.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the home of Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena, with the president, Mrs. Howard Hall, presiding. Reports from the treasurer and the corresponding secretary were received. Mrs. F. Krull of the Library Committee of the County Hospital reported that Mrs. Scatena had recently donated thirty new books and that more were needed; that the patients expressed much enthusiasm over the books and wanted some with pictures. It was agreed to give \$5 to the purchase of new books and also to procure a rubber stamp to mark the entire collection.

A report from Mrs. E. O. Brown's committee that \$5 be given the Margaret Howard Memorial Fund for

scholarship at the Junior College was approved. The report further recommended that \$2.50 be given in the future to the Sacramento Orphanage as a memorial gift on the death of an Auxiliary member in place of sending flowers; and that a note of sympathy be written to any member in whose family a death had occurred. The report was accepted and is to be used as future procedure under such circumstances.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. William K. Lindsay, Mrs. H. R. Johnson and Mrs. J. H. Davis, read the following ticket: Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena, president; Mrs. H. Kanner, first vice-president; Mrs. A. K. Dunlap, second vice-president; Mrs. William Van Den Berg, recording secretary; Mrs. F. P. Brendel, corresponding secretary; Mrs. T. Binkley, treasurer; and Mesdames C. B. Jones, J. T. Vance and W. A. Reckers, directors, to serve for two years.

The meeting then adjourned for a social hour. Christmas music was sung by Rudolph Caffaro and Miss Mary Lusich, accompanied by Mrs. Zue Geery Pease. Bridge was enjoyed, and gifts of white elephants were distributed to each one present. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses assisting Mrs. Scatena, who were the members of the Executive Board, from a table with decorations indicative of the Christmas season.

SARAH L. BRENDEL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

*San Joaquin County*.—At the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Joaquin County Medical Society, action was taken to sponsor bringing the Dresden Exhibit on Eugenics to Stockton. Other organizations of women will be invited to coöperate with the Auxiliary in making this undertaking a success.

ELLA B. CONZELMANN, *Secretary*.

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## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### CLARK COUNTY

The Clark County Medical Society held the first meeting of the new year Tuesday, January 8, at the Sal Sagev Hotel. Dr. R. D. Balcom, newly elected president, presided over the meeting. Other officers elected at the December meeting were Dr. R. O. Schofield, vice-president, and Dr. Hale B. Slavin, secretary-treasurer.

The scientific program for the evening was presented by Dr. A. G. Clark of Boulder City on the subject of *Renal Tuberculosis*. Doctor Clark gave a concise and instructive discussion of his subject, which was followed by comments by Doctors Van Meter, Jansson, Odell, Balcom, and Woodbury.

There was no business of any importance up for consideration. Doctor Van Meter announced, however, that Dr. John Vruwink of Los Angeles, would present a paper relative to certain phases of his specialty, obstetrics, at the February meeting of the Society.

HALE B. SLAVIN, *Secretary*.

### WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society held its first monthly meeting of the year on Tuesday night, January 8, at the State Building. Dr. H. A. Paradis of Sparks called the meeting to order, and introduced the incoming president, Dr. M. A. Robison of Reno, one

of our veteran members. Doctor Paradis very graciously thanked the Society for its fine coöperation during his term of office. Dr. M. A. Robison then was seated and assured the Society that he would do his utmost to keep the Society up to the high standards of the past.

The December minutes were read and approved, including the statement of a public accountant who had audited the secretary-treasurer's books, finding a balance in the treasury of \$48.96, as of December 11, 1934.

There was some difference of opinion among some members that a physician could, by paying the amount of county society dues (without paying the State dues), be considered a member of the local county medical society. To settle the matter authoritatively, the secretary wrote Dr. Olin West, secretary and general manager of the American Medical Association, Chicago, with reference to this point. Doctor West, in a reply of December 28, 1934, said: "I do not have available a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Nevada State Medical Association, but I am practically sure that it contains specific provisions to the effect that the members of the component societies of the Nevada State Medical Association shall be members of the State Association. The component county medical societies in each state are supposed to receive their charters from the State Association concerned. It is, of course, implied in this fact that the members of the county societies are also members of the State Association when their names are forwarded for enrollment and their membership dues or assessments are paid to the secretary of the State Association."

"I think you will find in the by-laws of the Nevada State Medical Association, and probably in the by-laws of your own county medical society that, as secretary, you are required to transmit annual dues or assessments for all members of the Washoe County Medical Society to the secretary of the Nevada State Medical Association."

"It is my personal opinion that membership in the Washoe County Medical Society involves membership in the Nevada State Medical Association."

The above letter was read in meeting, as in itself without motion settled the question whether or not a physician by simply paying county medical dues, could be allowed voice and vote in the local county society if his dues were not paid to the State Society.

President Robison appointed a legal committee (if such should be needed) to work in the interest of the Society at the forthcoming meeting of the Nevada State Legislature. The committee named was: Dr. Horace J. Brown (chairman), to be assisted by Drs. MacLean, Harrison, DaCosta, and Hamer.

A letter dated December 19, 1934, from Vera Wilson, R. N., secretary of the Nevada State Nurses' Association, Reno, was read, making inquiry with reference to a point of ethics by a registered nurse to accept work as nurse under an osteopathic or chiropractic physician. The matter of advisability from a point of medical ethics was debated pro and con. Acting upon the advice of the members present, the secretary's letter to the secretary of the Nevada State Nurses' Association was as follows:

"Your letter of the 19th of December, 1934, setting forth the query as to the question if regular nurses employed by osteopaths or chiropractors would be considered a violation of ethics from the viewpoint of the regular profession."

"The same was discussed at the regular meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society. Opinions varied as to the advisability of nurses accepting patients under the professional care of osteopaths or chiropractors while still seeking duty from the regular profession. In general, that question must be decided by each nurse individually. Yet at the same time, a graduate nurse seeking employment with a patient under a regular physician would be liable to prejudice herself in the estimation of the regular medical profession if it were known that she held herself open to the employ of chiropractors or osteopaths."

There being no further routine business, the president called on Dr. Lawrence Parsons, pathologist of St. Mary's Hospital, who gave an excellent paper on *Blood Transfusion*.

An abstract of the paper follows:

The paper was divided into the following heads: I. History of Transfusion; II. The Blood Groups; III. Selection of the Donor; IV. Indications for Blood Transfusion; V. Technique of Transfusion; and VI. Untoward Reactions in Blood Transfusion. The paper was illustrated by means of a chart showing the classification of the blood groups and representing also the appearance of the test slides, using Group II and Group III sera, Moss's classification and the method of Dr. Walter V. Brem, first published in 1917.

The first successful transfusion was made by Jean Baptiste Denys, physician to Louis XIV, on June 15, 1667, using the blood of a sheep and giving it to a young man suffering from repeated hemorrhages. Similar transfusions were done between animals by Richard Lower, F.R.S., in England in 1666 and so characteristically described by Samuel Pepys in his diary. Untoward results and fatalities soon occurred and the practice was stopped by laws in England and on the Continent. Numerous unsuccessful attempts were made throughout the nineteenth century, after nearly 150 years, during which time they were not attempted. Only after the discovery and classification of the blood groups by Dr. Karl Landsteiner, Jansky, and Moss did transfusion become successful. Landsteiner received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1930 for his work, which was largely responsible in making blood transfusion the success it now is.

The classification of Landsteiner, Jansky, and Moss were discussed. The racial incidence of the blood groups and the subject of subgroups was presented. The groups in infancy and the time of appearance of the agglutinins were presented. The relationship of hemagglutination to hemolysis and the significance of the latter in transfusion reactions were also discussed.

Following the presentation of the above fundamental material the remainder of the paper followed the outline previously given. Great emphasis was given to the technique of cross-matching of the blood of the donor with the serum of the recipient immediately prior to the transfusion in order to prevent as far as possible fatalities due to the assumption that persons of the same group are necessarily compatible for transfusion.

This concluded the business of the evening and the Society adjourned in the regular order.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

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Is not public health merely a matter of water supplies, ventilation, sewage, clinics, drains, street-cleaning, garbage, infectious diseases, public health nurses, flies, dirt, slums, and serums? True it is that these items are all in it. But they no more constitute public health than mere paint, canvas and brushes constitute art; or mere iron ore and smelters constitute architecture; or rods, lines and nets constitute the fishing industry; or axes and wire rope constitute lumbering; or schoolhouses and textbooks constitute education. All these items are merely the tools of the arts. The tools of an art are essential to the art; but they do not constitute the art. Art is the result achieved; it is that object toward which the tools merely perform the shaping of the path.

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That public health originated in the attempt to relieve crude physical suffering and especially to achieve this only by preventing disease, does not take from its present or future immensely greater importance. That it has reached already its present outstanding influence is proof enough of its inherent strength, a strength derived wholly from its truth—that is, its correspondence with, not things just dreamed about, but things that *are*—not with just *some* things in the universe but with *all* things.

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The common objective of medicine and of public health is the reduction of human misery due to disease and death. The one devotes itself to the relief and cure of those already suffering, the other to prevention. Since neither fully succeeds, each must continue to supplement the other. Each in its own field has made enormous advances from each its own angle. Coöperation is increasing as each understands the other's problems better.—H. W. Hill, M.D.